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Dear Sir:

Below is my comment on ~~the~~ the
country of Origin Labeling.

Thanks,
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Require all cattle that cross a border of the U.S. be individually and permanently Identified. The comments identify the current practice of branding all cattle imported from Mexico as setting precedent that should be allowed by the WTO.

Encourage persons and entities who feed or process such animals, segregate them and the products from them, to enhance the ability of all segments of the industry to properly label the beef from them.

Mandate that the beef from animals that are not permanently identified as having crossed a border of the United States, shall be labeled as born, raised and slaughtered In the USA. All cattle that do not have that identification would then be considered eligible for the USA label without the cost and burden of establishing an audit trail.

P. S. I believe it is possible to implement rules that will fulfill the intent of the law without causing undue burden on the industry.

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